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LETTER

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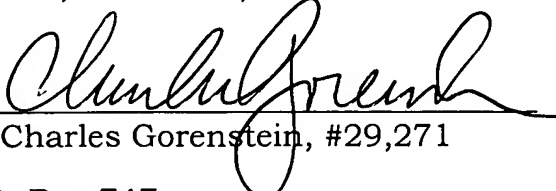
Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application on September 9, 2004, attached hereto is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER 409) that should be made of record in the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Applicant's or agent's file reference PH-1721-PCT	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
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1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.

The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation made by the International Bureau of the international preliminary examination report established by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PH-1721-PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04Q 7/36		
Applicant SHARP KABUSHIKI KAISHA		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.
☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 26 June 2003 (26.06.2003)	Date of completion of this report 30 March 2004 (30.03.2004)
Name and mailing address of the IPEA/JP	Authorized officer
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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
 pages 1-24, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
 pages 3-8, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 1,2,9,10, filed with the letter of 20 November 2003 (20.11.2003)
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages 1-12, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages _____, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4, 7, 8	YES
	Claims	1-3, 5, 6, 9, 10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP, 2001-238269, A (KDDI Corp.), 31 August, 2001 (31.08.01)

Document 2: "A Discussion concerning the Soft Hand-Off Method in a One-Cell Repeated OFDM/TDMA System," (Toshiyuki Nakanishi, Masakazu Sanpei and Norihiko Morinaga), 2002 General Meeting of the Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers, 7 March, 2002 (07.03.02), 02-Spring-Communication 1-B-5-163, page 614

Document 3: JP, 5-259981, A (Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp.), 8 October, 1993 (08.10.93)

The subject matters of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 10 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of document 1 (page 3, right column, line 30 to page 4, left column, line 33) and document 2 (text, lines 31-39) cited in the ISR.

Document 1 describes a radio communication system using sub-carrier modulation in which (1) a radio station compares the received power measured with each sub-carrier, with the threshold value, and reports the result to a base station, and (2) the base station allocates only the sub-carriers allowing radio transmission of good quality to the radio station in response to the reported result.

Document 2 describes a technique as a method for allocating sub-carriers in which (1) a terminal measures the received S/I of each sub-carrier and notifies a base station of the measured result, and (2) only the sub-carriers having a received S/I not lower than the threshold value to show a good reception state are allocated.

Therefore, a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of using a received S/I instead of a received power as an indicator for allocating sub-carriers in the radio communication system described in document 1. The subject matters of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 10 are a mere application of the inventions described in documents 1 and 2 to a TDMA system. A person skilled in the art should decide, as required, whether the comparison between a received S/I and the threshold value is made in a base station or a radio station.

The subject matter of claim 3 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1 and 2 and document 3 (page 3, left column, line 6 to right column, line 28).

Document 3 describes a technique in which in the case where a mobile station wishes to know the reception quality from plural base stations, signals necessary for detecting the reception quality are transmitted periodically to ensure that they do not collide with each other between base stations. Therefore, a person skilled in the art could have easily (1) used a received S/I instead of a received power as an indicator for allocating sub-carriers as taught by document 2 in the radio communication system described in document 1, and (2) periodically transmitted the signals for examining the reception quality at a terminal to ensure that they do not collide with each other between base stations.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

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The subject matter of claim 4 is neither described in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.

None of the documents describes that (1) base stations stop transmission periodically sequentially one by one, and (2) when a base station engaged in communication stops transmission, a mobile station is made to measure the interference power from another base station.

The subject matters of claims 7 and 8 are neither described in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.

None of the documents describes that a mobile station (1) compares the reception state from a base station that is going to hand over, with the reception state from a candidate base station that is going to be handed over, with every sub-carrier, and (2) decides whether or not the handing-over should be made, by comparing the numbers of sub-carriers that are in a better reception state.